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SUBJECT: INDOCHINESE REFUGEES IN THE PRC

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1. THE DEPARTMENT HAS RECENTLY RESPONDED TO AN INQUIRY FROM SENATOR JACKSON REGARDING THE DESIRE OF ONE OF HIS CONSTITUENTS TO ASSIST HIS BROTHER, A VIETNAMESE REFUGEE WHO IS CURRENTLY IN THE PRC, IN COMING TO THE UNITED STATES TO LIVE. THE PORTIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT'S RESPONSE REPRINTED BELOW MAY BE USED AS GUIDANCE BY ADDRESSEE POSTS IN REPLYING TO INQUIRIES OF A SIMILAR NATURE.

2. (BEGIN QUOTE) ACCORDING TO THE UNITED STATES IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY ACT, AN ALIEN WHO DESIRES TO
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ENTER THE UNITED STATES TO TAKE UP PERMANENT RESIDENCE IS REQUIRED TO OBTAIN AN IMMIGRANT VISA. A SPECIAL PROGRAM HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED TO RESETTLE IN THE UNITED STATES AND OTHER COUNTRIES A LIMITED NUMBER OF PERSONS WHO LEFT VIETNAM, BUT WHO WERE GRANTED ONLY TEMPORARY RESIDENCE IN OTHER AREAS OF SOUTHEAST ASIA.

3. THE PRC IS CURRENTLY OPERATING ITS OWN PROGRAM TO RESETTLE WITHIN CHINA PERSONS WHO LEFT VIETNAM AND ARE NOW IN THE PRC. THEREFORE, THE SPECIAL RESETTLEMENT PROGRAM DOES NOT EXTEND TO SUCH PERSONS. WHILE IT IS POSSIBLE FOR PERSONS WHO LEFT VIETNAM FOR CHINA TO COME TO THE UNITED STATES TO LIVE, THEY MUST QUALIFY FOR IMMIGRANT VISAS UNDER ONE OF THE CATEGORIES ESTABLISHED BY THE IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY ACT.

4. THE ENCLOSED LEAFLETS (VO INFORMATION SHEETS) OUTLINING REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES TO APPLY FOR AN IMMIGRANT VISA MAY BE OF ASSISTANCE IN DETERMINING WHETHER...RELATIVES IN THE UNITED STATES ARE ELIGIBLE TO FILE IMMIGRANT VISA PETITIONS FOR FAMILY MEMBERS NOW IN CHINA. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, HE MAY WISH TO CONSULT WITH THE IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE OFFICE WITH JURISDICTION OVER THE AREA WHERE HE RESIDES.

(END QUOTE).

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